

a. Retired Uniformed Employees.

- (1) Must be retired in good standing from service with the Department as a uniformed member, other than for reasons of mental instability
- (2) Before retirement, was regularly employed as a uniformed member for an aggregate of 15 years or more; or
- (3) Retired from service after completing probation with the Department due to a service-connected disability and has a right to benefits under the retirement plan of the Department.
- (4) Is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating, hallucinatory drug or substance; and is not prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm.
- (5) The identification required is the photographic identification issued by the Department.
- (6) The term firearm does not include any machine gun, any firearm silencer, or any destructive device.
- (7) These terms do not supersede any laws of any state that permit private persons to prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on private property or any laws of any state to prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on state or local government property, installation, building, base, or park.

b. Retired Uniformed Employees. Must have qualified with a firearm based on the same qualification standards as uniformed employees as outlined in HPM 70.8, Chapter 3 (Firearms Manual). The retired uniformed employee may contact the Area office of their choice to obtain a copy of the qualification course and standards.

- (1) The retired uniformed employee is responsible for supplying his/her own holster, 72 rounds of ammunition and safety equipment (hearing protection and eye protection). The Area office where the retired uniformed employee is conducting their qualification will supply the required body armor.
- (2) The retired uniformed employee shall contact the Area office in which they wish to conduct their qualifications and schedule an appointment with the Area range officer.

(3) The retired uniformed employee shall provide the Area range officer with sufficient information (i.e., name and date of birth) so as to allow a criminal history check to be conducted prior to qualification. The criminal history check is conducted to ensure the retired uniformed employee is free of any domestic violence convictions, felony convictions or other criminal convictions that would prevent them from lawfully possessing a firearm.

(4) The retired uniformed employee shall submit their firearm to the Area range officer for inspection two weeks prior to their scheduled appointment. The Area range officer shall inspect the firearm to determine functionality and ensure it is in proper working condition. The firearm shall be one that can be drawn from a holster that is worn on the hip and can be reloaded within the time frames outlined in the departmental Task Orientated Qualification Course (TOQC).

(5) The Area range officer shall use sound professional judgment when evaluating the retired uniformed employee and their firearm. If the range officer determines, through the criminal history check or through evaluation on the firing line, the retired uniformed employee is unable to perform the required tasks or is unable to safely manipulate the firearm, the range officer shall submit a confidential memorandum through channels to the Assistant Commissioner, Field (ACF). If serious safety concerns arise in regards to the retired uniformed employee carrying a firearm, telephonic notification to ACF would be appropriate. Following the telephonic notification, a confidential memorandum will be prepared outlining the circumstances surrounding the disqualification and forwarded through channels to ACF.

(6) The retired uniformed employee shall be given three attempts to qualify on each task of the (TOQC). If the retired uniformed employee is unable to qualify, they may make an appointment with the Area range officer for another scheduled range date. The retired uniformed employee shall be limited to two attempts to qualify in a calendar year.

(7) Upon qualification of the retired uniformed employee, the Area range officer will issue the CHP 218, HR 218 Compliance Certification, which is valid for one year. The retired uniformed employee shall keep the proof of certification with their photographic identification issued by the Department.

NOTE: HR 218 does not allow for retired uniformed employees to carry their firearms on their person while on a commercial aircraft.

c. Retired Uniformed Employees Living Out of State.

Retired Uniformed Employees Living Out of State have the option of traveling to a local California Highway Patrol area office for HR 218 compliance certification or requesting HR 218 compliance certification from a law enforcement agency in the state of their residence.

Additional information or questions regarding HR 218 compliance certification may be directed to the local California Highway Patrol area office.